

Amendment to the Specification:

Please amend paragraph 0022 of the Specification as follows:

[0022] In conducting the inside-outside washing pursuant to this invention the water is treated with at least one 1,3-dibromo-5,5-dialkylhydantoin microbiocidal agent in an amount to achieve a bromine residual in the range of about 3 to about 150 ppm (wt/wt) as free bromine, and preferably in the range of about 50 to about 100 ppm (wt/wt) as free bromine. The treated water is typically used at a temperature of about 5 to about 39°C, but can be used at higher temperatures, *e.g.*, up to about 43°C, if desired. Preferred washing apparatus comprises a spray delivery system such as a probe or bayonet which pursuant to this invention applies a pressurized spray of the treated water to the interior cavity of the carcass and another spray delivery system such as a series of nozzles, which system applies the treated water to the exterior of the carcass. In particularly preferred embodiments of this invention the treated water applied by the spray delivery system to the interior cavity of the carcass is treated with a higher concentration of 1,3-dibromo-5,5-dialkylhydantoin(s) than the concentration of the 1,3-dibromo-5,5-dialkylhydantoin(s) used in the treated water applied by the spray delivery system to the exterior of the carcass. The 1,3-dibromo-5,5-dialkylhydantoin(s) used for forming the treated water used for washing the interior cavity of the carcass and the 1,3-dibromo-5,5-dialkylhydantoin(s) used for forming the treated water ~~used for forming the treated water~~ for washing the exterior of the carcass can be, and usually will be, of the same chemical composition. However, 1,3-dibromo-5,5-dialkylhydantoin(s) of different chemical composition can be used for forming these respective treated waters for the inside-outside washing.